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FM AMEMBASSY JIDDA
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 2300
INFO AMCONSUL DHAHRAN
USLO RIYADH

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E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: ENRG, SA
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE CRUDE OIL IMPORT FEE

1. AMBASSADOR RAISED SUBJECT OF OIL IMPORT FEE IN GENERAL
TERMS WITH YAMANI JUNE 2, NOTING ADMINISTRATIONS CONTINUED
PREFERENCE FOR CRUDE OIL EQUALIZATION TAX. YAMANI APPEARED
TO UNDERSTAND THAT FEE WOULD RAISE OVERAL U.S. CRUDE PRICE
LEVEL, BUT STRESSED NONETHELESS THAT EXTERNAL FEE SUCH AS
THAT CONTEMPLATED WOULD SERIOUSLY HAMPER HIS ABILITY TO
ARGUE WITH PRICE HAWKS IN OPEC - WHO WOULD SEE IT ONLY AS
EFFECTIVELY RAISING PRICE OF OPEC CRUDE, WITH GAINS COLLECTED
BY U.S. TREASURY.

2. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT KEEP US CLOSELY
INFORMED OF ANY MOVES TOWARDS IMPOSTION OF IMPORT FEE BY
USG, SO WE CAN GO OVER GROUND IN MORE DETAIL WITH YAMANI
AND CONSIDER POSSIBLE ARGUMENTS TO USE IN OPEC CONTEXT.
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